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SUBJECT: REORGANIZATION OF THE INDIA'S OIL AND NATURAL GAS
COMMISSION

1. ON DECEMBER 6, 1977 THE GOI'S MINISTER OF PETROLEUM ANNOUNCED
IN THE LOK SABHA THE LONG AWAITED CHANGES IN THE OIL AND
NATURAL GAS COMMISSION'S (ONGC) ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE.

2. THE PRINCIPAL CHANGE NOTED WAS THE ADDITION OF THREE PART
TIME MEMBERS TO THE COMMISSION TO REPRESENT THE PLANNING
COMMISSION, THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND THE MINISTRY OF
FINANCE. THESE WILL INCREASE THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS TO EIGHT
CONSISTING OF A (1) CHAIRMAN; (2) MEMBER (FINANCE); (3) MEMBER
(PERSONNEL); (4) MEMBER MATERIALS; (5) MEMBER (TECHNICAL-
R AND D); (6) ADDITIONAL OR JOINT SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM;
(7) ADDITIONAL OR JOINT SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF FINANCE; AND
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(8) ADVISER (ENERGY), PLANNING COMMISSION..

3. IN VIEW OF THE EXPANDING NATURE OF ONGC'S FIELD OPERATIONS
NOTABLY OFFSHORE, THE ONSHORE, OFFSHORE AND OVERSEAS ACTIVITIES
ARE TO BE ADMINISTERED SEPARATELY BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS.
THE THREE DIRECTORS ARE TO PARTICIPATE IN ONGC MEETINGS AND
ARE TO HAVE COMPLETE ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL OVER THEIR AREAS

SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY ONGC.

4. IN ADDITION A FORMAL REVIEW OF ONGC'S ACHIEVEMENTS AND FUNCTIONS IS TO BE UNDERTAKEN SEMI-ANNUALLY BY THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, MEMBER (INDUSTRY), PLANNING COMMISSION, PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO THE PRIME MINISTER, SECRETARY PETROLEUM AND SECRETARY EXPENDITURES.

5. COMMENT: THE CHANGES NOTED IN ONGC'S STRUCTURE ARE PROBABLY LONG OVERDUE GIVEN THE EXPANDING NATURE OF THE COMMISSION'S ACTIVITIES AND THE INVESTMENT DECISIONS TO BE MADE. PARTICIPATION BY THE MINISTERIES OF FINANCE, PETROLEUM AND PLANNING COMMISSION SHOULD EXPEDITE THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS. THE SEPARATION OF ONSHORE, OFFSHORE AND OVERSEAS ACTIVITIES SHOULD ALSO STRENGTHEN MANAGEMENT'S CONTROL OVER THESE AREAS WITH A CLEARER DEFINITION OF RESPONSIBILITY BETWEEN STAFF FUNCTIONS OF ONGC MEMBERS AND THE LINE FUNCTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVES IN THE FIELD.
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